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The Preface.

THESE *Prayers are faithfully Printed without the leaſt Variation from the Original Papers, which his Majeſty conſtantly uſed.*

They are written in a plain, ſerious, and unaffected Style, proper to excite true Devotion, and to make men pray with Underſtanding.

Although they were admirably ſuited to the Circumſtances of his Majeſty's Roy-

Royal Condition, yet the Matter of them is choſen with ſo much Judgment, that they in a manner comprehend all the things for which a Chriſtian Man ought to Pray; and may afford great Aſſiſtance to virtuouſly diſpoſed Per-

sons of all Ranks and Qualities in their Religious Exercises.

By their being made public Men will see the high regard his Majesty had for the Duties of the Christian Religion, and how well he imployed himself at the

Lord's

Lord's Table; where his Behaviour was ever most Grave, Humble, and Devout.

As often as his Majesty received the Sacrament, which he never failed to do four times in the Year, he always set

apart two or three Days to prepare himself for it.

When he was in the Camp, if urgent Affairs put him by the Seasons he usually allotted for his Preparation; he ordered the Sacrament to be defer'd till the Lords

Day following, that he might have Opportunity to fit himſelf worthily to partake of thoſe Holy Myſterys.

There is alſo very good Reaſon to believe, that he made uſe of ſome of theſe Prayers, every Morning and Evening, when

when he retir'd into his Closet to Pray; in which daily Devotions, they, who had the Honor to attend his Person, well know, that he was most Constant and Regular.

It is therefore hoped that some

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Right hereby will be done to the Sacred Memory of that excellent Prince, who was the Glorious Instrument of preserving the pure Religion, the Antient Laws, and known Liberty's of this Kingdom.

Which

Which Invaluable Bleſſings he hath alſo perpetuated to us by eſtabliſhing the Succeſſion of the Crown in the Proteſtant Line, and leaving the immediate Poſſeſſion thereof to Her Preſent Majeſty, our moſt Gracious Sove-

vereign QUEEN ANNE.

Whoſe Piety, Wiſdom, Goodneſs and Mercy are Conſpicuous to the whole World, and eſpecially to all her Subjects and Allies, who are continually receiving the large and ſolid

Be-

Benefits of them.

And as a farther demonstration of her most affectionate and tender Care for the good of all that Minister in Holy Things; She hath begun a new Year of Her Life, with declaring Her generous Intention,

tion, to give all Her Revenue arising from the first Fruits and Tenths, to encrease the mean and insufficient Maintenance of the Clergy, in divers Parts of the Kingdom: by which Charitable and Gracious Act She will high-

highly adorn the Reformation made by Her Anceſtors, and ſurpaſs them all in Her Munificence, and Royal Bounty to the Church of England.

May it pleaſe God to preſerve Her moſt Sacred Perſon and Government;

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to protect Her a-gainſt all open Violence, and ſecret Conſpiracy; and long to continue Her to be, as ſhe moſt eminently is, the Great Defender of our excellent Conſtitution both in Church and State; the firm Sup-

port

port of the Protestant Religion; and the Guardian of the Liberty of Europe.

J. Norwich.

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I must work the Works of him that sent me, while it is day, the night cometh when no man can work.

COLOIS. 3. 17.

Whatsoever ye do in word or in deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

A Prayer to God, that he would be pleased to assist and accept my Preparation to receive the B. Sacrament.

I Prostrate my self before thee, my

most gracious God and merciful Father, in an humble acknowledgment of my unworthyness and insufficiency of my self, for any thing that is good. I am sensible that without thee I can do nothing; and therefore do humbly implore thy gracious Assistance, and Acceptance of my endeavour to prepare my self for the worthy re-

receiving of the Bleſſed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of thy dear Son.

Stir up, I beſeech thee, ſuch pious Affections and Diſpoſitions in my Soul, and fill my Mind with ſuch holy Meditations as are ſuitable to this Occaſion. Grant me ſuch a ſenſe of my Sins, and of the Sufferings of

my Blessed Saviour for them, as may affect my Heart with a deep Sorrow for my Sins, and an eternal Hatred and Displeasure against them, and may effectually engage me to love, and live to him who dy'd for me, Jesus Christ my Blessed Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

A Penitent Confeſſion of Sins, with an humble Supplication for Mercy and Forgiveneſs.

MOST gracious and merciful God, who art of purer

rer eyes than to behold Iniquity : I desire to humble my Soul before thee, in a deep sense of my own Vileness and Unworthyness, by reason of the many Sins and Provocations, which I have bin guilty of against thy divine Majesty ; by thought, word and deed. Forgive, O Lord, all the Sins and Follys of my Life, which have

bin many and great; and which I do now with ſhame and ſorrow confeſs and bewail before thee, for thy mercys ſake in Jeſus Chriſt. Pardon, O my God, my manifold neglects and omiſſions, and ſlight and careleſs performance of the Dutys of Religion, without due Affection and Attention of Mind; that I have not ſerved thee

with that purity of Intention, with that sincerity of Heart, with that fervency of Spirit, with that zeal for thy Glory, with that care and diligence, and constancy, that I ought.

Forgive, O Lord, my Sins of Ignorance and Infirmity, which are more than can be numbred; but especially, all my wilful Transf-

Tranſgreſſions of thy Holy and Righteous Laws; the impurity of my Heart, and thoughts, all irregular Appetites and Paſſions, and every ſinful and wicked Practice, of what nature or kind ſoever. More particularly, I do with great Shame and Confuſion of Face, confeſs and lament before thee, from whom nothing is hid, that I have

have grievously offended. * These my Transgressions, with many more, which I cannot remember and reckon up before thee, are all in thy sight, O Lord, and my most secret Sins in the light of thy Countenance. When I look back upon the

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* *Here he was us'd to mention Particulars.*

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Errors and Miſcarriages of my paſt Life, and conſider with my ſelf what I have done, and what I deſerve at thy Hands, my Fleſh trembleth for fear of thee, and I am afraid of thy Judgments. I am aſhamed, O my God, and bluſh to lift up mine Eyes to thee my God. Lord, I am vile; what ſhall I anſwer thee?

I abhor my ſelf, and repent in Duſt and Aſhes.

Make me deeply ſenſible of the great evil of my Sins, and work in me a hearty Contrition for them; and let the ſenſe of them be more grievous to me than of any other Evil whatſoever. Have mercy upon me, O Lord, and according to thy ten-

tender mercys forgive all my Tranſgreſſions; for the ſake of my Bleſſed Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

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A Prayer for the Grace and Assistance of Gods Holy Spirit, to enable me to resolve and to do better for the future.

AND now, O Lord, in Confidence of thy great Mer-

Mercy and Goodneſs to all that are truly Penitent, and ſincerely reſolve to do better, I moſt humby implore the Grace and Aſſiſtance of thy Holy Spirit, to enable me to become every day better, and to reform whatever has bin amiſs in the Temper and Diſpoſition of my Mind, or in any of the Actions of my Life.

Grant

Grant me the Wiſdom and Underſtanding to know my Duty, and the Heart and Will to do it. Vouchſafe to me the continual Preſence and Direction, the Aſſiſtance and Comforts of thy Holy Spirit; whereby I may be diſpos'd and enabled to do thy Will with delight and cheerfulneſs, and with patience and contented-

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neſs to ſubmit to it in all things. Endue me, O Lord, with the true fear and love of thee, and with a prudent Zeal for thy Glory. Encreaſe in me more and more the Graces of Charity and Meekneſs, of Truth, and Juſtice, and Fidelity; give me Humility and Patience, and a firmneſs of Spirit to bear every Condition with

with constancy and equality of Mind.

Enable me, O Lord, by thy Grace to govern all my Appetites, and every inordinate Lust and Passion, by Temperance and Purity, and meekness of Wisdom; setting Thee always before me, that I may not sin against thee. Create in me a clean Heart, O God,

and

and renew a right Spirit within me. Purify my Soul from all evil Thoughts and Inclinations, from all bad Intentions and Designs. Deliver me, O Lord, from Pride and Vanity, from immoderate Self-love, and obstinate Self-will, and from all Malice and Envy, and ill Will towards any.

Make

Make me to love thee, as I ought, above all things; and let the Intereſt of thy Honour and Glory be ever dearer to me than my own Will, or Reputation, or any Temporal advantage whatſoever.

Subdue in me the evil Spirit of Wrath and Revenge; and diſpoſe my Heart patiently

ently to bear Reproaches and Wrongs, and to be ready not only to forgive, but to return good for evil.

Assist me, O Lord, more especially in the faithful and conscientious discharge of the Dutys of that high Station in which thou hast placed me: And grant that I may employ all that Power and Autho-

thority which thou haſt inveſted me with, for thy Glory and the publick Good; that I may rule over Men in thy Fear, with Juſtice and Equity, ever ſtudying and endeavouring the good of the People committed to my Charge, and as much as in me lyes the Peace and Proſperity, the Welfare and Happineſs of Mankind.

Con-

Confirm me, O my God, in all these holy Resolutions; and do thou keep it for ever in the purpose of my Heart, to perform them to the utmost of my Power: All which I humbly beg for thy Mercies sake in Jesus Christ, *Amen.*

An humble Intercession with God for all Mankind; for the whole Christian Church and more particularly for that part of it which is planted in these King-

Kingdoms; for the Queen, and for all under our Government; for my Relations and Friends; for my Native Country, and for my Allies, &c.

THine unworthy Servant desire likewise humbly to inter-

ceed with Thee, the God and Father of All, for all Mankind; that thou wouldeſt be pleaſed to have Compaſſion upon their Blindneſs and Ignorance, their groſs Errours and their wicked Practices. Send forth, I beſeech thee, thy Light, and thy Truth, to ſcatter that thick Darkneſs which covers the Nations, and overſpreads

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ſo great a part of the World; that thy Way may be known upon Earth, and thy ſaving Health among all Nations.

Bleſs and preſerve thy Church diſperſed over the face of the Earth; reſtore to it Unity and Concord, in the acknowledgment of the Truth, and the practice of Righ-

teousneſs and Goodneſs. Remove out of it all Errors and Corruptions, all Offences and Scandals, all Diviſions and Diſſenſions, all Tyranny and Uſurpation over the Minds and Conſciences of men; that they who profeſs the ſame Faith, may no longer perſecute and deſtroy one another, but may be kind and tender-hearted

ed one towards another, as it becomes Brethren, and those that are Heirs of the same common Salvation.

I beseech Thee more especially, to be merciful to that part of thy Church, which thou hast planted in these Kingdoms. Pity the Distractions, and heal the Breaches of it.

Purge out of it all Impiety and Profaneneſs; take away thoſe Miſtakes, and mutual Exaſperations, which cauſe ſo much Diſtemper and Diſturbance; and reſtore to it Piety and Vertue, Peace and Charity. Endue the Paſtors and Governours of it, with the Spirit of true Religion and Goodneſs, and make them Zealous

lous and Diligent to promote it in those who are under their Instruction and Care. Give them Wisdom to discern the best and most proper means of composing the Differences of this miserably divided Church, the Heart to endeavour it, and by thy blessing upon their Endeavours the happiness to effect it.

And I beſeech thee, O Lord, of thy great goodneſs, to bleſs all my Relations and Friends; particularly my deareſt Conſort the Queen. I acknowledg thy eſpecial Providence in bringing Us together, and thereby giving me the opportunity and means of being Inſtrumental in reſcuing theſe Nations from

from Misery and Ruin. And as thou hast bin pleased to unite us in the neareſt Relation; ſo I beſeech thee to preſerve and continue that entire Love and Affection between us, which becomes that Relation. And if it be thy Bleſſed Will, and thou ſeeſt it beſt for us, bleſs us with Children to ſit upon the Throne of theſe King-

Kingdoms, and to be a Bleſſing to them for many Generations.

Be merciful alſo, O God, to my Native Country; let true Religion and Righteouſneſs be eſtabliſhed amongſt them, as the ſureſt Foundation of their Peace and Proſperity.

Bleſs

Bleſs all my Allies; O Righteous Lord, that loveſt Righteouſneſs, and hateſt Falſhood and Wrong, do thou ſtand by us in the maintenance of that Juſt Cauſe in which we are engaged, and bleſs us with Union and good Succeſs.

And

And in thy good time, O Lord, reſtore Peace to Chriſtendom; put an end to thoſe bloody Wars and Deſolations, wherewith it hath bin ſo long and ſo miſerably harraſs'd: And, when thou ſeeſt it beſt and fitteſt, manifeſt thy glorious Juſtice in giving check to that Ambition and Cruelty,

ty, which hath bin the cauſe of ſo great Calamitys, to ſo great a part of the World. O God to whom Vengeance belongeth, O God to whom Vengeance belongeth, ſhew thy ſelf: Lift up thy ſelf thou Judge of the Earth, and render a reward to the Proud: Scatter the People that delight in War: Let the Wickedneſs of the

Wicked

Wicked come to an end, but do thou eſtabliſh the Juſt.

Be merciful, O God, to all that are in affliction or diſtreſs; that labor under Poverty, or Perſecution, or Captivity; under bodily Pains and Diſeaſes, or under Temptation and Trouble of Mind: Be pleaſed to ſupport and comfort them, and

and in thy due time to deliver them, according to thy great Mercy.

Forgive, I beſeech thee, moſt merciful Father, to all mine Enemies all their Malice and ill Will towards me; and give them Repentance and better Minds: which I heartily beg of thee for them, as I my ſelf hope

hope for Mercy and Forgiveneſs at thy Hands, through the Merits and Mediation of Jeſus Chriſt my moſt merciful God and Saviour. *Amen.*

A Thankful Acknowledgment of the Mercys of God both Temporal and Spiritual; and above all for the Redemption of Mankind

kind by the Humiliation and Sufferings of his Son in our Nature.

BLessed and Glorious Lord God, the great Creator and Preserver, and Governor of all things; my Saviour and Deliverer, and continual Benefactor;

tor; I acknowledg, I admire, I adore thy infinite Excellencies and Perfections: and let all the Creatures in Heaven and Earth ſay, *Amen.*

I Render Thanks to thee, moſt Gracious God, for innumerable

rable Favours conferred upon me thy poor Creature, and most unworthy; for my Being, for my Reason, and for all other Endowments and Faculties of Soul and Body; for thy continual Care and watchful Providence over me from the beginning of my Life, and through the whole course of it: For all the happy Circum-

cumſtances of my Birth and Education: For the Pious care of my Dear and ever-Honored Mother, and Grandmother, and of all others who had the charge of me in my tender Years: For thy unwearied Patience towards me, after ſo many and ſo great Provocations: And for thy merciful and wonderful Preſervation of

me

me from innumerable Dangers and Deaths to which I have bin expoſed all my Life. I will ſtill hope in thy Goodneſs, O Lord, who haſt bin my truſt from my Youth; by thee have I bin holden up from the Womb, my Praiſe ſhall be continually of thee. Above all I adore thy tender Mercy and Compaſſion to me and all Man-

Mankind, in ſending thy only Son into the World to redeem us from Sin and Miſery, and by ſuffering in our Nature, and dying in our Stead, to purchaſe for us Eternal Life. I bleſs thee for the Light of the Glorious Goſpel, for the knowledg and ſenſe of my Duty towards thee; for delivering me from Temptations too

hard for me, and ſupporting me under many: For the Direction and Aſſiſtance, and Comforts of thy Holy Spirit: For reſtraining me by thy Grace, and reclaiming me from the ways of Sin and Vanity: And for all the gracious Communications of thy Goodneſs, whereby thou haſt inclined my Heart to love and fear thee,

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and enabled me in any measure to do thy Will.

For these and all other thy Blessings and Favors to me, which are more than can be number'd, I render unto thee, most Gracious God, all possible Praise and Thanks by Jesus Christ my Blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

A Prayer to God. to prepare my Heart for the worthy receiving of the Holy Sacrament, and to make me partaker of the Bleſſings

ſings and Benefits of it.

I Come to thee, O my Lord God, from whom are the preparation of the Heart, and the good diſpoſition of our Minds for thy Worſhip and Service. Fit me, O Lord, by a hearty Contrition for my Sins, and a ſincere Reſolu-

tion of a better Course, to approach thy Altar. Accept of the Expiation which thy Son hath made of all my Transgressions by the Sacrifice of Himself, as of a Lamb without Spot and Blemish. Let the remembrance of my Sins, and of his bitter Sufferings for them, pierce my very Heart, and engage me for ever to love and serve

ſerve him, who laid down his Life for me. Cleanſe me, O Lord, from all filthyneſs of Fleſh and Spirit, that I may be a meet Gueſt for thy Holy Table, and a real partaker of thoſe Bleſſings and Benefits which are repreſented in the Sacrament of Chriſt's Body and Blood. Strengthen, O God, all good Reſolutions in me;

enable me by thy Grace faithfully to perform the Conditions of that Covenant, which I made in Baptiſm, and intend to renew in the Holy Sacrament, by dedicating my ſelf entirely, and for ever, to the ſervice of my Bleſſed Redeemer, who hath loved me, and waſhed me from my Sins in his own Blood. To him be all Honor

and

and Glory, Thankſgiving and Praiſe, Love and Obedience for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Short Meditations and Ejaculations at the Communion.

Before the Minister begin the Service.

I Lift up my Soul to thee, my God, Humbly imploring thy Bles-

Bleſſing upon me, and Gracious aſſiſtance of me in the Holy Action I am now about. Forgive my want of due preparation, and accept of my ſincere deſire to perform an acceptable Service to thee, through Jeſus Chriſt.

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Before the Receiving of the Bread.

Lord, I am not worthy of the Crums, which fall from thy Table.

After the Receiving of it.

Greater Love than this hath no man, that a man lay down his

his Life for his Friend.

Herein hath God commended his Love to us, that whilst we were Enemies, he gave his Son to die for us.

Before Receiving of the Cup.

What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits? I will take

take the Cup of Salvation, and I will bless the Name of the Lord.

After the Receiving of it.

Blessed be God for his unspeakable Gift, his dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, in whom we have Redemption through his Blood, even the forgiveness of Sins.

Af-

After the Concluſion of the whole Action.

Bleſs the Lord, O my Soul, and all that is within me bleſs his Holy Name. Bleſs the Lord, O my Soul; and forget not all his Benefits; who forgiveth all thine Iniquities, and healeth all thy Diſeaſes: Who redeemeth thy Life from deſtruction;

ſtruction; and crowneth thee with loving Kindneſs, and tender Mercys: who ſatisfieth thy Mouth with good things. Bleſs the Lord, O my Soul.

A Prayer to be used in private afterwards.

I praiſe and magnify thy great and glorious Name, O Lord my God, for the bleſ-

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ſed Opportunity afford-
ed to me this day, of
Commemorating thy
infinite Goodneſs and
Mercy to me and all
Mankind, in ſending
thy only Son into
the World to take our
Nature upon him, to
ſubmit to the Infirmi-
tys and Miſeries of it,
to live amongſt us, and
to dye for us: And
to preſerve the Memo-
ry of this great Love

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and Goodneſs of thine to us for ever in our Hearts, that thou haſt bin pleaſed to appoint the Bleſſed Sacrament, for a Solemn Remembrance of it. Grant O Lord, that I may faithfully keep and perform that Holy Covenant which I have this day ſo ſolemnly renewed and confirm'd in thy Preſence, and at thy Table. Let

it

it be an eternal Obligation upon me of perpetual Love and Obedience to Thee. Let nothing ſeem hard for me to do, or grievous for me to ſuffer for thy ſake, who whilſt I was a Sinner and an Enemy to thee, lovedſt me at ſuch a rate as never any man did his Friend. Grant that by this Sacrament there may be conveyed

to my Soul new Spiritual Life and Strength, and such a measure of thy Grace and Assistance as may enable me to a greater care of my Duty for the future: That I may henceforth live as becomes the Redeemed of the Lord; even to him who died for my Sins, and rose again for my Justification, and is now sate down on the right hand of the Throne of

of God, to make Intercession for me: In his Holy Name and Words, I conclude my imperfect Prayers.

OUR Father which art in Heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come; Thy Will be done in Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily Bread. And forgive us our Treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that have treſpaſſed againſt us. And lead us not into Temptation, but deliver us from Evil: For thine is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory, for ever. Amen.

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